

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY CONTRACT EMERGENCY SHELTER & SERVICES (ESS)

Fact Sheet

Introduction:

DPSS' contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is funded with CalWORKs Single Allocation funds. Homeless CalWORKs families assisted by this project must have an adult family member who is employed, participating in GAIN, or receiving "good cause" not to participate in GAIN due to their homelessness. Below are highlights of LAHSA's tasks for the Emergency Shelter & Services contract.

Emergency Shelter Services (ESS)

LAHSA provides emergency shelter (up to 120 days) to homeless CalWORKs families where the parent is aided or time-limited and either employed, enrolled in GAIN, receiving "good cause" not to participate in GAIN due to homelessness or participating in Post-Time Limited (PTL) Services.

Emergency Shelter Services:

- LAHSA issues hotel/motel vouchers to homeless CalWORKs families through subcontracted service providers.
- Accesses GEARS to determine if homeless CalWORKs families requesting emergency shelter services are participating in the GAIN Welfare-to-Work Program.
- Provides GAIN participation verification to subcontractors providing emergency shelter services.
- Recruits and maintains sufficient subcontractors to provide emergency shelter for homeless CalWORKs families.
- Issues bus tokens or transports families to emergency housing facilities, based on the families' needs and availability of transportation through subcontractors.
- To the extent resources are available, for CalWORKs families that are not eligible to any of DPSS' homeless services or have exhausted homeless assistance, LAHSA issues emergency shelter/hotel/motel vouchers and issues bus tokens or transports families to emergency shelter facilities, based on the families' needs and availability of transportation.
- Monitors performance of subcontractors to ensure compliance with program requirements.